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14. [ ] - JMM) In response to a call from Mr. Bill Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, I called Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, to say we would be glad to provide a briefing on Soviet strategic missile development to Committee members, but not to staff level personnel only. After checking with the Chairman and several members, Marcy arranged an informal Committee meeting for 3 o'clock at which Mr. Duckett covered the missile situation on the basis of SI and TKH material. See Memorandum for the Record.

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15. [ ] - JMM) Talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and explained our briefings of Senator Humphrey and Representative Stratton and plans for the briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He saw no objection and remarked that Senator Stennis might want such a briefing if it could be scheduled prior to the recess.

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Braswell said it now appeared that the Laos ceiling would be established [ ] and this would exclude certain air support operations. He indicated that this solution to the problem was unsatisfactory to Senator Symington.

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16. [ ] - JMM) Called Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, to say we had a Reserve withdrawal item. Woodruff said he was leaving tomorrow morning until after Labor Day and the matter could be deferred until then.

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17. [ ] - JMM) In the evening David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called me at home to say he had heard of our appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and would appreciate more details. I explained our briefings of Senators Jackson, Hollings, and Humphrey, and Representative Stratton and our appearance before the Foreign Relations Committee. Abshire seemed to think we had come out reasonably well.

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